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Approval Process for Printers of Tamper-Resistant Prescription Forms

Senate Bill 151 (Burton, Chapter 406, Statutes of 2003) requires that the new, tamper-resistant prescription forms be produced by "security printers" who are approved by both the Board of Pharmacy and the Department of Justice. Applications for approval are available from the Board's Web site (www.pharmacy.ca.gov) with complete instructions attached.

To become a security printer, the printer must apply to the Board of Pharmacy for approval. If approved, the application is then forwarded for consideration by the Department of Justice, which has 30 days to approve or deny the application.

Generally, applicants are screened for prior criminal history and the adequacy of their policies and procedures to ensure that prescription forms are produced and distributed only to appropriately licensed practitioners. The new law requires that security printers have a means for confirming the licensure and prescribing privileges for any person requesting controlled substance prescription forms.

Once a security printer is approved, the printer is authorized to produce prescription forms for appropriately licensed practitioners. The Board of Pharmacy will maintain a list of approved security printers on its Web site.